

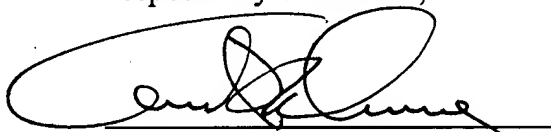
### REMARKS

The application has been placed in condition for allowance by amending claim 17 to include the recitations of claim 19, and claim 20 has been amended to include the recitations of claim 22. Claims 19 and 22 have been cancelled.

In her action mailed October 30, 2003, the Examiner indicated claims 1-3, 8, 9 and 14 were allowed, and objected to claims 19 and 22-24 for depending from rejected claims. The Examiner indicated claims 19 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and claims 17 and 20 respectively now contain the recitations of these claims.

The application has thus been clearly placed in condition for allowance, and entry of the requested amendment and an early notice of allowance under Rule 116 are requested.

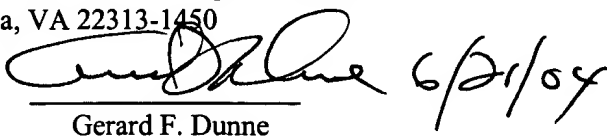
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